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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

<p>Applicant's or agent's file reference 40rhk/229266</p>		<p>Date of mailing (day/month/year) See Form PCT/ISA/210 (sheet 2)</p>	
<p>International application No. PCT/EP2004/011327</p>		<p>International filing date (day/month/year) 09.10.2004</p>	<p>Priority date (day/month/year) 15.10.2003</p>
<p>International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC B65B3/02, B29C49/04</p>			
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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Box No. I	Basis of the opinion						
Box No. II	Priority						
Box No. III	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability						
Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention						
Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability: citations and explanations supporting such statement						
Box No. VI	Certain documents cited						
Box No. VII	Certain defects in the international application						
Box No. VIII	Certain observations on the international application						

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language
which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

a sequence listing
 table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

in written format
 in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

contained in the international application as filed.
 filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

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Box No. II Priority

1. The following document has not yet been furnished:

copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(a)).
 translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2. This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>3, 5, 7</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1, 2, 4, 6</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims _____	YES
	Claims <u>1-7</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-7</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

1 This opinion makes reference to the following documents:

D1: WO 03/031264 A (HENKEL KGAA; HOFFMANN SANDRA (DE); LEUSCH GOTTLIEB (DE); RAEHSE WILFR) 17 April 2003 (2003-04-17)
D2: US-A-4 838 778 (BECKER RUDOLF ET AL) 13 June 1989 (1989-06-13)

2 INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 1 and 6

2.1 The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1), because the subject matter of claims 1 and 6 is not novel within the meaning of PCT Article 33(2).

Document D1 discloses a method and a device with all the features of claims 1 and 6, the container produced by the coextrusion/blow-moulding process having a number of layers, with at least one barrier layer.

3 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-5, 7

Claims 2-5, 7 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step, see D1 and D2.